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10. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that persons maliciously breaking down, defacing, &c. any bridge, or parapet, or coping of any fence alongside of the road, finger or guide post, mile-post, or inscription, or any other public property having relation to the highways of the kingdom, riding on the foot-paths, willfully or negligently leaving heaps of broken or unbroken stones on the highway, leaving large single stones, or scattering small stones over the surface of the road to the endangering the lives of travellers, after regular notice to desist from such practice, or in any other manner offending against the provisions of the highway or turnpike laws, should be liable to the special penalties provided in each case, or where no penalties are provided, to penalties not exceeding £10, nor less than 5s. at the discretion of the magistrates before whom they shall be summoned.

11. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a clause be inserted, to prevent stallions from covering near the highways, or being shown on a Sunday.

12. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that in cases where in the general turnpike act and any particular turnpike act appear contradictory, the general turnpike act should govern, unless where there is any special provision in the particular act repealing or varying the general act.

13. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that a plan and section of the intended road do accompany each petition for a new turnpike road, and that such plan do show distinctly the situations where turnpike gates are intended to be placed, and the tolls proposed to be taken at each, and do contain an accurate measure of distances.

14. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that each turnpike bill do contain a clause providing for the redemption of all monies to be borrowed for the execution of the purposes of the act.

15. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that in the case of any presentment or indictment of any highway being a turnpike road, the said presentment or indictment

should be preferred against the treasurer of such trust, instead of the parish through which such roads may run.

16. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that in cases of indictment, the parties to blame shall pay all costs and charges out of pocket.

17. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the jurisdiction of magistrates as to local management and superintendence of the highways be limited to the division or divisions in which they are accustomed to act, but that the magistrates acting for any county immediately adjoining that in which any offence against the highway laws may have been committed, shall be empowered to act upon information or upon their own view, in enforcing the law in cases where immediate interference may be necessary.

18. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this committee, that all penalties not specially appropriated should go to the amendment of the highways of the parish, or to the turnpike where the offence has been committed.

CHARTER OF CARRICKFERGUS.

JAMES, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c. To all to whom these our present letters shall come greeting, whereas our most loving sister Elizabeth, late of England, France and Ireland, queen by her charter under the great seal of Ireland, bearing date at Dublin the 20th day of March, in the 11th year of her reign, did give and grant for her, her heirs and successors, unto the mayor, sheriffs, burgesses and commonalty of the town of Carrickfergus in the county and town of Knockfergus, in our province of Ulster, and to their successors for ever, many privileges, liberties, franchises, markets, fairs, jurisdictions, forfeitures, customs, profits, commodities, cognizance of pleas, immunities, grants, and other benefits and hereditaments, as by the said letters, patent in the rolls of the chancery of our realm of Ireland, enrolled and therein recorded, remaining more plainly, doth and may appear;

and whereas, by the information of the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town of Knockfergus, we do understand that they of long time past have had used and enjoyed many liberties, and free customs, and that they the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty fearing that they should be molested, grieved, hindered or troubled in the like liberties and free customs for any defect of declaration, or expressing of the said liberties, and free customs, or by any other occasion in time to come, have most humbly prayed and intreated us that we would vouchsafe to grant to the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, and their successors, the said liberties, and free customs, by special and express words in form following, and that they should be incorporated and made persons able and capable with a perpetual succession; we therefore to this their supplication favourably, in that part consenting for, and in consideration that the said borough of Knockfergus is a place very profitable for our ministry, and services, situated in a place very fit, as well for the repressing of our enemies, and rebels, and for the utter extirpating and breaking of their boldness and malice, as also to give help and comfort to our faithful and loyal subjects. Commemorating in those parts against any insurrection, rebellion and malice of our aforesaid rebels and enemies.

And for as much as both they and their predecessors have done and accomplished both unto us and our progenitors very many worthy and laudable services heretofore, after divers sorts, and especially that they have very humbly, and from time to time, with mind and consent, showed themselves most diligent and loyal in observing, and embracing our laws and statutes, know ye therefore that we graciously desiring the improvement of the said town, and the commodity and profit of the inhabitants of the same, and withall considering the many losses, destructions, and hurts they have suffered and sustained through the occasions of the detestable rebellions in those parts; of

our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, and with the advice and consent of our noble lord, and trusty counsellor Sir Arthur Chichester knight, deputy general of our realm of Ireland, as also by the tenor and effect of certain of our letters with our own proper hand signed bearing date at our manor of Farnham, the last day of July, in the year of our reign of England, France, and Ireland the seventh, and of Scotland the three and fortieth, and now in the rolls of our chancery, in our said realm of Ireland enrolled, and there remaining upon record, have confirmed, ratified, and allowed; and by these presents do for us, our heirs and successors (as much as in us lieth) confirm, ratify, and allow unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, and to their successors for ever (by what name ——— of a corporation or by what other name soever they in any other letters patent of any other our progenitors or predecessors, or by any other lawful manner, are incorporated, named, termed, or called, or ever, or heretofore were incorporated, named, termed, or called, all, and all manner of privileges, as wholly as it is in the same letters, patents, or in any of them contained or in as ample manner and form as they themselves, or their predecessors at any time have had, held, occupied, or enjoyed, or ought to have by means of any lawful permission, use, or custom, although they or their predecessors, or any of them, have ill used the premises or any of them. And furthermore of the like, our special grace, and of our certain knowledge and mere motion, give and grant for us, our heirs and successors to the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, and their successors, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, we will ordain, constitute, and declare, that the said town of Knockfergus and all and singular the castle, towns, villages, hamlets, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, feedings, waters, moores, rivers and all other hereditaments whatsoever, lying and being

within the said town of Carrickfergus, or within the burgages, franchises, mears and limits of the said town of Knockfergus, as well within the walls of said town as without; for ever after shall be one a whole and free borough, and that there shall be nominated, named and called for ever hereafter, the free borough of Knockfergus.

And we do from henceforth, erect, constitute and make, and by these presents for us, our heirs, and successors, do create them all to be one whole borough, and that the mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid borough or town of Knockfergus, and all the free inhabitants within the burgages, franchises, mears or limits of the same borough or town of Knockfergus, as well those which now are free as those which shall hereafter be elected and admitted free burgesses of the said town, and their successors for ever hereafter shall be by vigour of these presents, one body politick, incorporated both in matter, word and deed, by the name of mayor, sheriff, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus, and that the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus and their successors, from time to time for ever as often as need shall require, may have full power and authority upon any summons, warrant or writ, directed to them by us our heirs or successors, to choose send and return two honest and discreet men, being burgesses of the same borough or town, to all and every parliament which ever hereafter shall be held within our said kingdom of Ireland, and that the said men so elected, sent and returned, shall have full power and authority to handle, consult, and take counsel upon all such things and matters as to them and others, there shall be expounded or declared, and upon the same to yield their voice and opinions, and to do and execute all other things whatsoever, which is, or are accustomed to be done or executed, at or in parliament, as fully and freely as any other burgesses of any ancient borough, either in our said realm of

Ireland, or England, are accustomed to do or execute.

And furthermore of our more free especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, we do give and grant by these presents, for us, our heirs, and successors, for the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the said town of Knockfergus, and for their successors, that the aforesaid borough or town of Carrickfergus. And all and singular the manors, castles, towns, villages, hamlets, lands, tenements, waters, rivers, meadows, moors, and all other hereditaments whatsoever, within the burgages, franchises, mears or bounds of the same; as well within their enclosed and arable lands, as without, for ever hereafter shall be one whole county by itself, both in word and deed, and the same shall be for ever hereafter distinguished and thoroughly separated: both from our county of Antrim, and from all other counties; and that it shall be from henceforth for ever hereafter nominated, termed and called by the name of the county of the town of Knockfergus, provided always that our castle of Knockfergus and a certain other place within the said borough or town appointed for a gaol or prison, there to be built for keeping and conserving of prisoners and other malefactors whatsoever from time to time in, or whether the limits or bounds of our county of Antrim aforesaid, shall be altogether as now they are, and heretofore have been, any thing in these presents contained to the contrary notwithstanding; and that our justices, or the justices of our heirs and successors for taking of Nisiprius—or assizes in the said county of Antrim, and assigned by us, our heirs and successors, as justices for gaol delivery in the said county of Antrim, for the hearing and determining of all treasons, murders, burnings, man-slaughters, felonies, rapes, crimes, offences, actions, and all other things whatsoever perpetrated or done in said county of Antrim, from time to time, and the justices appointed by us, our heirs and successors, for the keeping or conserving of our peace, in our said county of Antrim for

the holding of their sessions, as also the sheriffs of said county of Antrim for the time being, for the keeping and holding of his county courts, turnes, and other courts from time to time for ever, and all other justices, commissioners, and officers of ours, or of our heirs and successors to inquire, hear and determine, or do any thing for us, our heirs and successors in the said county of Antrim, that they and every of them for the keeping and holding of their courts and sessions, may lawfully, freely and surely enter and go into the said town of Knockfergus, and to pass through the same town till they come to our said castle of Carrickfergus, and therein or at our said castle of Carrickfergus to hold and keep the courts and sessions for all things and matters without the said county of Knockfergus, and within the county of Antrim from time to time for ever, as heretofore they have held, or were accustomed to hold, or might hold the same; and that all and every our sheriffs, and the sheriffs of our heirs and successors of the said county of Antrim for the time being for ever, as also all constables or keepers of our gaol, or the gaol of our heirs or successors of the county of Antrim aforesaid, for the time being, for ever may be able to have and to hold one gaol or prison, within the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, in some certain convenient place, appointed for the keeping of the prisoners of the said county of Antrim, and in the said gaol to have, hold and imprison, and faithfully keep all and every malefactor and prisoners of the county of Antrim aforesaid; the custody or keeping of whom, or of any one of them being heretofore committed, or at any time hereafter, to be committed unto them for any faults, offences, crimes, things or matters perpetrated, committed or happened within the said county of Antrim, or touching or concerning the same, and not for any fault, offences, crimes, things or matters perpetrated, done or happened in or within the county of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, or concerning the same county of Knockfergus, though our present grant in any thing notwithstanding.

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And we further will and by these presents for us our heirs and successors, grant and ordain, that for ever hereafter there may and shall be within the said town of Knockfergus, one chosen or elected of the more honest and discreet meh of the inhabitants within the said town of Carrickfergus, after such form and manner as hereafter is specified in these presents which shall be, and be nominated mayor of the town of Knockfergus, and that there in like manner may and shall be within the same town besides the mayor of the said town for the time being, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, or 8 of the most honest and discreet of the inhabitants of the same town chosen and elected after such form as hereafter in these presents is mentioned, which shall be, and be called aldermen of the same town, and that they shall be of the common and chief council of the same town of Knockfergus, and we will and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant that the aforesaid aldermen shall be from time to time assisting and helping unto the said mayor of the town of Knockfergus for the time being in all causes and matters touching or concerning the said town, and for the better execution of this our will and grant in that part and behalf we have assigned, constituted, nominated and made, and by these presents for us our heirs and successors, do assign, constitute, nominate and make our well beloved Robert Lyndon now mayor of the same town, and agent of the said town to be mayor of the said town or Knockfergus, willing that the said Robert Lyndon in the office of mayor of the aforesaid town, shall be and continue from the making of these presents until the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, next ensuing the date of these presents, and from thence until some other of the inhabitants of the aforesaid town be sworn and perfected in the office of mayor of the same town according to the orders and customs in these presents, hereafter expressed and declared. And furthermore of our more free grace, we have granted, and by these presents for us, our heirs and

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successors, do grant to the said Robert Lyndon, mayor of the aforesaid town, and to his successors mayors of the said town for the time being; that both he and they may have, and shall have the keeping, ruling and free governing as well of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid; and the franchises thereof, as of the burgesses and inhabitants of the same town, and of their successors; for and during such time, and so long as they or any of them shall continue, or be in the office of mayoralty of the same town according to the statutes, ordinances and customs of the same town, and further we have assigned, constituted and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do assign and constitute, and make sixteen of the most honest and discreet men of the inhabitants of the same town, which now are aldermen of the same town that they may and shall be aldermen of the same town of Knockfergus, and that they shall be continued in the same offices during their natural lives, unless in the mean time, for some reasonable cause or matter they or any of them shall be removed from the aforesaid offices, we have likewise assigned, constituted and made, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, constitute and make all and every one who now are free burgesses and inhabitants of the same town that they shall be the burgesses and commonalty of the same town of Carrickfergus.

And we have by these presents for us, our heirs and successors erected, made, constituted, ordained and declared the said mayors, sheriffs, burgesses and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus, shall be one incorporate body, politic both in matter deed and name, really and at full, and that by the same name they shall have a perpetual succession, and that they and their successors by the name of sheriffs, burgesses and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus may, and shall be for ever times to come, persons able in the law, and capable to have, purchase, receive and to possess land, tenements, liberties, privileges, prebeminities, jurisdictions, franchises and heriditaments whatsoever, in fee for ever;

and also goods and chattles, and whatsoever other things of what kind, nature or sort soever they be, and also to give, grant, demise, and assign lands, tenements, goods and chattles of what kind, nature or sort soever, and to do and execute all other things and deeds by the name aforesaid. And that by the same name the sheriffs, mayor, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus may, and can be able to plead, and be impleaded; to answer, and to be answered; to defend, and to be defended before us, our heirs and successors, and in any courts, benches, or places whatsoever, and before any as well ecclesiastical as civil judges, and justices, commissioners and other officers of ours, or of our heirs and successors, and all others whatsoever in or concerning all complaints, suits, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, of whatsoever sort, nature or kind; and also have, perceive, receive, possess, give, grant, and demise, and in the same manner and form as others, our people of our kingdom of England or Ireland personable and capable in the law, may or can, and that the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors ever may be able and of power to have and use one common seal which shall serve them and their successors for the making of their deeds, causes or matters, and one other seal of the office of the mayoralty of the said town, to be and remain in the custody of the mayor of the said town for the time being, for to seal any manner of testimonials, certificates, attachments and processes whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful for the said mayor, sheriffs, and commonalty of the said town, and for their successors to break the said seals, or any of them from time to time at their will and pleasure, and to make another or other seals of new as to them shall seem best.

And we further will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors give and grant unto the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and to their successors, that they and their successors, or

greater part of them, whereof we will that the mayor for the time being, shall be one from time to time for ever, that upon public summons made by the mayor for the time being, and they thereto being once gathered, or upon all and every the days of the common assemblies in their courts, at the usual days and times, according to the antient customs of the town and borough aforesaid held, that they may have full power and authority from time to time, as often and at all times when it shall seem good or expedient unto them to erect, constitute, ordain, and make such reasonable laws, statutes, constitutions, decrees and orders in writing as shall seem to them in their discretion to be both good, healthful and profitable, honest and necessary for the good ruling and governing of the said town, and of all and singular the officers, ministers, burgesses, artificers, inhabitants, and of all other residing in the said town for the time being, and also for declaration how, and after what manner or order they the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty, and all and singular the other officers, burgesses, artificers, inhabitants, and all other residing in the said town, have used, carried and behaved themselves in their offices, functions, ministries, crafts, occupations, and other businesses for the uttermost public good, common profit, and good government of the same town, and for the victualling of themselves, and for any other cause, matter or thing any way touching or concerning the aforesaid town, and whensoever, or how often soever as the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town for the time being, or the greater part of them (as is aforesaid) have erected, made, constituted, ordained and established

such and the like laws, statutes, constitutions, decrees, and ordinances, that then likewise they shall be able of power to make, limit, ordain, and provide in form aforesaid, such and the like reasonable pains, punishments, and penalties by imprisonment, or by any other corporal punishment, or by fine, forfeiture, amercement, or by fine of money, or by both upon and against all offenders or breakers of such laws, statutes, constitutions, decrees and orders, or of any one of them as to the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the aforesaid town, or to the greater part of them, whereof we will that the mayor of the said town shall be one, as shall seem to be most necessary, fit, and requisite for the observation of the said laws, statutes, constitutions, decrees and ordinances; and that they shall be from time to time both able and of power to execute the said pains, penalties, and punishments, and to execute the said laws, statutes, constitutions, decrees, and ordinances, and the same to command, or cause to be commanded from time to time to be put in execution, and likewise able and of power to levy, and have the said fines, amercements, forfeitures, and fines of money to the use and behoof of the said mayor, sheriffs, burgesses, and commonalty of the town of Knockfergus aforesaid, and their successors without any let or impediment either of us, or of our heirs, and successors, without giving or rendering any account or any thing else unto our heirs or successors, for the same, and all such laws, statutes, and constitutions, decrees and ordinances to be made as aforesaid, we will that they be observed and kept upon such pains as in them contained, provided always that the said laws, statutes and ordinances be not contrary to the laws and statutes of our realm of Ireland.

To be Continued.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONS.

AN ACCOUNT OF GILBERT WAKEFIELD,
B.A. WRITTEN BY DR. AIKEN, AND
PUBLISHED IN THE LONDON MONTHLY
MAGAZINE, OCTOBER 1801.

GILBERT Wakefield was born on
February 22, 1756, at Nottingham,

of which town his father was one of the parochial clergy. An uncommon solidity and seriousness of disposition marked him from infancy, together with a power of application, and thirst after knowledge, which accelerated his